

REMARKS

The above-referenced Office Action has been carefully reviewed and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to Claim 9 because of certain formalities. It is believed that the above corrects those informalities.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato in view of Holiday. Applicant respectfully traverses this ground of rejection.

The rotatable handle (2) of Sato is attached at a pivot point (1a) to a fixed base (5). The rotatable handle (70) of Applicant's device is attached to an axially movable compression member (42) at a first pivot point (72). These elements of Applicant's invention are spelled out in Applicant's Claim 1. The movable portion of Sato is a movable head (6) which advances toward and retreats from the fixed base (5). The rotatable handle (2) of Sato is not pivotally attached to the movable die (8) at all.

The combination of Sato with Holiday fails to cure the basic deficiency of Sato, since Holiday employs an intermediate link (32) to which the rotatable handle (27) of Holiday is attached.

Claims 2-12 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Claim 8 has been amended to correct a dependency problem.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the application, Claims 1-12, are allowable and early action in that regard is respectfully requested.

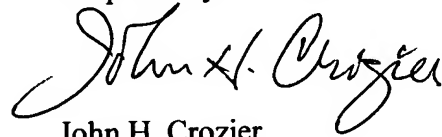
AMENDMENT
S/N 10/032,408, FILED 12/31/01

PATENT
122-113

Should the Examiner have any questions as to the allowability of the claims or have any suggestions with respect to the wording thereof, the undersigned would be grateful for the privilege of a telephone conference with the Examiner.

Date: May 17, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John H. Crozier".

John H. Crozier
Reg. No. 30,371
1934 Huntington Turnpike
Trumbull CT 06611-5116
Tel: (203) 375-9118
Fax: (203) 378-8108